

GOVERNMENT OF TELANGANA

ABSTRACT

CAF & CS Department - Civil Supplies - Notification as required under Section 7 of Aadhaar Act, 2016 for implementation of biometric based Paddy Procurement through Online Procurement Management System (OPMS) from the Farmers at Minimum Support Price (MSP) to improve transparency in Procurement operations – Orders - Issued.

CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD & CIVIL SUPPLIES (CS.I-CCS) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Ms.No. 23

Dated: 20-09-2023.

Read the following:

1. Section 7 of Aadhaar (Targeted Delivery of Financial and other Subsidies, Benefits and services) Act, 2016 (as amended) (Act No.18 of 2016).
2. From the Chief Executive Officer, UIDAI, GoI, New Delhi Circular.No.1-1/2019-UIDAI(DBT), dt;25.11.2019.
3. From the Under Secretary to GoI, Lr. No. 1(4)/2018- Py.I, M/o. CA, F & PD, Dept. of F & PD, New Delhi, Dt:03.05.2023.
4. From the CCS.Ref.No.PI(1)/1681/2023, Dt:03.08.2023

ORDER:

In pursuance of the Government of India instructions vide references 1st to 3rd read above and based on the proposal of the Commissioner of Civil Supplies, Telangana State, Hyderabad vide reference 4th read above, the following notification will be published in the extraordinary issue of the Telangana State Gazette., Dt.20.09.2023.

NOTIFICATION

No.F-4-8/2023/29-1/part-1-WHEREAS, the use of Aadhaar as an identity document for delivery of services or benefits or subsidies simplifies the Government delivery processes, brings in transparency and efficiency, and enables beneficiaries to get their entitlements directly in a convenient and seamless manner by obviating the need to produce multiple documents to prove one's identity.

AND WHEREAS, to ensure that farmers get the benefit of a fair price for their produce, Minimum Support Price is announced every year by the Government of India so that farmers can be saved from distress sale. For this, it is necessary that the correct identification of the farmer can be done and the due payment of the price of the crop sold by the farmer is made to the farmer's bank account, on a transparent and authentic basis and for this, biometric authentication of the farmer and the system of payment on the basis of Aadhaar shall be ensured. Under the Minimum Support Price Scheme announced by the Government of India, the State Government issues as a purchase policy for the purchase of paddy from the farmers in every Year for both the seasons i.e. Vanakalam (Kharif) & Yasangi (Rabi).

AND WHEREAS, the Consumer Affairs, Food & Civil Supplies Department in the State of Telangana is administering the process of Procurement of Paddy from the Farmers at Minimum Support Price (MSP) mechanism through various paddy procurement centres (PPCs) in the State and makes payment to the bank accounts of the Farmers (hereinafter referred to as the beneficiaries) directly through Online Procurement Management System (OPMS) which is being implemented through Telangana State Civil Supplies Corporation Ltd (hereinafter referred to implementing agency) in the State, as per the extant of guidelines issued by the Government from time to time in the matter.

(P.T.O)

Now, therefore, in pursuance of section 7 of the Aadhaar (Targeted Delivery of Financial and Other Subsidies, Benefits and Services) Act, 2016 (Act No.18 of 2016), the Government of Telangana, hereby notifies the following, namely:-

1. (1) An individual eligible for receiving the benefits under the Scheme shall hereby be required to furnish proof of possession of the Aadhaar number or undergo Aadhaar authentication.
- (2) Any individual desirous of availing benefits under the Scheme, who does not possess the Aadhaar number or, has not yet enrolled for Aadhaar, shall be required to make application for Aadhaar enrolment before registering for the Scheme provided that he is entitled to obtain Aadhaar as per section 3 of the said Act and such individuals shall visit any Aadhaar enrolment centre (list available at the Unique Identification Authority of India (UIDAI) website www.uidai.gov.in) to get enrolled for Aadhaar.
- (3) As per regulation 12 of the Aadhaar (Enrolment and Update) Regulations 2016, the Department through its implementing agency is required to offer Aadhaar enrolment facilities for the beneficiaries who are not yet enrolled for Aadhaar and in case there is no Aadhaar enrolment centre located in the respective Block or Taluka or Tehsil, the Department through its implementing agency shall provide Aadhaar enrolment facilities at convenient locations in coordination with the existing Registrars of UIDAI.

Provided that till the time Aadhaar is assigned to the individual, benefits under the Scheme shall be given to such individual, subject to the production of the following documents, namely:-

- (a) if he has enrolled, his Aadhaar Enrolment Identification slip; and
- (b) any one of the following documents, namely:-
 - (i) Bank or Post office Passbook with Photo; or
 - (ii) Permanent Account Number (PAN) Card; or
 - (iii) Passport; or
 - (iv) Ration Card, or
 - (v) Voter Identity Card ; or
 - (vi) MGNREGA card; or
 - (vi) Kisan Photo passbook; or
 - (vi) Driving license issued by the Licensing Authority under the Motor Vehicles Act, 1988 (59 of 1988); or
 - (ix) Certificate of identity having photo of such person issued by a Gazetted Officer or a Tahsildar on an official letter head or
 - (x) any other document as specified by the Department:

Provided further that the above documents may be checked by an officer specifically designated by the Department for that purpose.

2. In order to provide benefits to the farmers under the Scheme conveniently, the Department through its implementing agency shall make all the required arrangements to ensure that wide publicity through the media shall be given to the farmers to make them aware of the said requirement.
3. In all cases, where Aadhaar authentication fails due to poor biometrics of the farmers or due to any other reason, the following remedial mechanisms shall be adopted, namely;
 - a) in case of poor fingerprint quality, Iris scan or face authentication facility shall be adopted for authentication, thereby the Department through its implementing agency shall make provisions for IRIS scanners or face authentication along with fingerprint authentication for delivery of benefits in seamless manner.

- b) in case the biometric authentication through fingerprints or Iris scan or face authentication is not successful, wherever feasible and admissible authentication by Aadhaar One Time Password or Time-based One-Time Password with limited time validity, as the case may be, shall be offered.
- c) in all other cases where biometric or Aadhaar One Time Password or Time-based One-Time Password authentication is not possible, benefits under the Scheme may be given on the basis of physical Aadhaar letter whose authenticity can be verified through the Quick Response (QR) code printed on the Aadhaar letter and the necessary arrangement of QR code reader shall be provided at the convenient locations by the Department through its Implementing Agency.
4. In addition to the above, for the purpose of ensuring that no genuine beneficiary is deprived of his/her due benefits under the said scheme, the department will follow the instructions issued from time to time by the Government of India through its implementing agency.
5. This notification shall come into effect from the date of its publication in the Official Gazette.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF TELANGANA)

**V. ANIL KUMAR
EX-OFFICIO SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT**

To

The Commissioner of Civil Supplies, Telangana, Hyderabad.

The Commissioner, Printing and Stationary & Stores Purchases, Hyderabad.

(with a request for publication of the notification in extraordinary issue of the Telangana Gazette & District gazette and to furnish 50 copies).

The Vice Chairman & Managing Director, TSCSCL, Hyderabad.

All the Departments of Secretariat, Telangana.

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The Agriculture and Co-operation Department, TS, Secretariat, Hyd.

The OSD to Hon'ble Minister for BC Welfare & CA, F&CS, Department.

The Law(F) Department, Telangana Secretariat, Hyderabad.

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